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Title: Blood Vessel Anastomosis Member and Method of Using the Same			
Examiner: Paul A. Roberts		Art Unit: 3731	

Asst. Comm'r for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231-0001

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENTS
and Petition for Extension of Time**

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Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Office action mailed 30 September 2002, the period for response being extended to 28 February 2003 by the Petition at the end of this Response, please first amend the application as follows, the amendments being shown in marked-up form in the attached Appendix.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1 (Amended.) An anastomosis member to be arranged at an anastomosed site of first and second blood vessels to carry out the anastomosis of said first and said second blood vessels, said anastomosis member having a generally cylindrical body comprising at least one plate member to be brought into contact with both of said first and said second blood vessels, said plate member having integral therewith a plurality of protuberances formed on at least one of opposite surfaces thereof to be engaged with at least one of said first and said second blood vessels so as to prevent the dislocation of said first and said second blood vessels at said anastomosed site.

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15. (Amended.) An anastomosis method for the anastomosis of first and second blood vessels by the use of an anastomosis member to be arranged at an anastomosed site of said first and said second blood vessels, said anastomosis member having a generally cylindrical body comprising a plate member having

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